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The above-identified invention for was previously filed as U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/127,555 on March 31, 1999 which was placed under Secrecy Order on October 1, 1999. Being filed concurrently herewith is the formal, non-provisional application on this invention which is being filed in the U.S. Patent office on behalf of the above-named applicant(s).

By reason of the fact that disclosure of the contents of the application might be detrimental to the public safety or defense of the United States, it is requested that a Secrecy Order under Section 181 U. S. Code Title 35 (1952) be issued without permits A or B and excepted from the provisions of any general permits. However, it is requested that the Secrecy Order be modified to permit disclosure of the subject matter by the principals designated in said order to any person who qualifies under all of the following restrictions. The person to whom disclosure is made:

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Disclosure to such person is permitted provided that all reasonable safeguards are taken to otherwise protect the invention from unauthorized disclosure.

Sincerely,



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